

February 10, 1915.

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held this day at its office in the Garrett Building in Baltimore.

Present: Governor Goldsborough, Comptroller Harrington and Treasurer Vandiver.

1. The protest of the heads of some of the departments using the telephone exchange was laid before the Board, and it was ordered that the matter be laid open until the return of Mr. Weller, Chairman of the State Roads Commission.

Upon motion of Treasurer Vandiver, seconded by Comptroller Harrington, the following resolution was adopted:-

WHEREAS the State Roads Commission of the State of Maryland proposes to build a girder bridge across the south branch of the Patapsco River for the benefit of the people of the State of Maryland and the traveling public generally, and

WHEREAS there will be a considerable saving in the cost of said bridge if a draw span is not constructed, and

WHEREAS the Secretary of War of the United States of America has given permission to the State Roads Commission to construct and maintain such a bridge, provided the said State Roads Commission executes a corporate surety bond in the penalty of \$50,000, guaranteeing that a draw span will be placed in said bridge wherever and in such manner as the Secretary of War may direct, or that said Commission will make such other changes as may be required and within the time specified in such order or orders, and

WHEREAS the State Roads Commission has requested the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, a Maryland corporation, to execute such bond as its surety, and the said United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company as part consideration for the execution of such bond, has required this Resolution to be passed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 10th day of February, 1915, that the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, during the next session of the Legislature in the year 1916, will give its aid in every reasonable way to secure the passage of an Act of Assembly for the purpose of ratifying and confirming the action of the State Roads Commission in applying for and executing said

bond of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company as surety, and in agreeing to hold harmless the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company in the event of default by the State Roads Commission under said bond.

The bond of Mr. Zouck with the United States Fidelity Company as surety, was approved by the Board.

Upon motion of Comptroller Harrington, seconded by Treasurer Vandiver, and unanimously carried, the State Auditor was requested to make an examination of the books of the State Insurance Commissioner's Office. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Auditor of this request.

Upon motion of Comptroller Harrington, seconded by Treasurer Vandiver, and unanimously carried, Mr. Dennis, Treasurer of Sabillville Sanitarium, was authorized to employ upon the authority of the Board of Directors of the Sanitarium certified public accountants to examine and report upon the accounts of that institution, and that any reports be ratified and confirmed.

Upon motion of Governor Goldsborough, seconded by Comptroller Harrington, and unanimously adopted, the report of the State Auditor upon Springfield Hospital was referred to the Board of Directors of that institution.

Upon motion of Governor Goldsborough, seconded by Treasurer Vandiver, the Secretary of the Board was instructed to write to the State Auditor and inquire whether or not he, or any of his subordinates, gave out information as to the contents of his report on the Springfield Hospital to the newspapers, or any one else, in order that same might be published before the report had been laid before the Board, and if so what the purpose of so doing was.

The report of Balck & Company, certified public accountants, under date of January 26, 1915, made to Governor Goldsborough upon their examination of the Comptroller's and Treasurer's Offices, was brought by the Governor to the attention of the Board and the fol-

lowing resolutions unanimously passed:

RESOLVED, That in consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of Black & Company that it might be advantageous to install a new system of accounting in the offices of the Comptroller of the Treasury and of the Treasurer by which a closer connection between receipts and disbursements, obligations and resources might be shown; that it be ordered by the Board of Public Works that the Comptroller and Treasurer each delegate a person to investigate, examine and study the more modern system of public accounting, and report what, if any, improvements might be made to the methods now in use in the two offices, in order that more detailed information should appear and balance sheets introduced, and that the expenses of such persons be paid from the contingent fund of the Board of Public Works.

There being no further business before the meeting, it adjourned.



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Secretary.

